

2008 Report on Act 176
An Act Relating to the High School
Completion Program

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Report on the High School Completion Program (FY07)

The High School Completion Program, established by Act 176, experienced first year (FY07) success as measured by participation rates, completion rates and its impact on the adult education system and high school partners. The most important beneficiaries of this new program are the students it serves.

During its first year, the High School Completion Program worked with 175 un-enrolled youth to complete their high school education, earn a diploma, and transition to career or higher education. While this number is smaller than the number who would be eligible by virtue of age and enrollment status, it represents a higher number than was anticipated in the first year. It represents a reduction of drop-out rates and associated social costs, and an increase of high school graduates prepared to take their place as productive citizens

It is important to note that graduation education plans are not written simply for the purpose of earning credits needed for a high school diploma. The beginning point of plan development is the determination of a student's skill in reading, writing and math, as well as the student's goals. Successful completion of a well written plan should result in a high school diploma, and the skills necessary to transition to post-secondary experience.

The program has also had an impact on the quality of services provided. Best practices established in this program have been put to use throughout the system with great success. Relationships between adult education providers and high schools have evolved as a result of the partnerships created by this program. During FY07, 175 students participated by developing a graduation education plan, and 57 percent successfully completed their plan on schedule and earned a high school diploma during the year. Of the remaining plans established during FY07, 108 had anticipated graduation dates during the first half of FY08. This indicates that the program is primarily serving students whose educational needs can be addressed within a 1 or 2 year time frame.

During FY07, \$922,878 was expended through the High School Completion Program. Of that total, \$594,910 (65 percent) went to adult education providers. High school partners received \$169,321 (18 percent), and other providers received \$158,647 (17 percent).

The adult education and literacy system has benefited from the establishment of the High School Completion Program. The program should eventually become self-supporting and reimbursement funds should be sufficient to maintain the necessary infrastructure. In addition, the number of instructional staff will be expanded and professional development will be designed to meet the training needs generated by this new student population. These types of improvements will continue as needed.

High School Completion Program
FY07 High School/School District Participation

<u>HS/District</u>	<u>Grad Plans</u>
Bellows Falls	2
Bellows Free Academy	2
Black River	1
Blue Mountain	1
Brattleboro	4
Burlington	17
Canaan	2
Colchester	4
Concord	1
Craftsbury	1
Danville	1
Enosburg	4
Green Mountain	3
Hartford	4
Harwood	5
Hazen	5
Lake Region	6
Leland & Gray	7
Lyndon	4
Middlebury	1
Mill River	2
Milton	5
Missisquoi	8
Montpelier	13
Morristown	1
Mt. Abraham	2
Mt. Anthony	12
North Country	11
Otter Valley	1
Oxbow	1
Peoples Academy	7
Proctor	1
Rochester	1
Rutland	2
South Burlington	3
South Royalton	1
Spaulding	5
Springfield	17
St. Johnsbury	1
Twinfield	2
U32	2
Vergennes	1
Windsor	1

HSCP Reimbursements FY07

	AEL Provider	District	Other Provider	Total	Students Served	Grads
FY07/Q1						
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	7,450	5,300		12,750	5	
NE Kingdom Learning Services	2,750	400		3,150	1	
The Tutorial Center	3,350	400		3,750	1	
Vermont Adult Learning	1,150	400		1,550	1	
Qtr Total	\$14,700	\$6,500		\$21,200	8	
FY07/Q2						
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	8,884	8,466	2,000	19,350	12	
NE Kingdom Learning Services	7,600	1,600		9,200	5	
The Tutorial Center	150	0	730	880	1	
Vermont Adult Learning	65,100	15,710	14,842	95,652	29	
Qtr Total	\$81,734	\$25,776	\$17,572	\$125,082	47	
FY07/Q3						
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	34,212	18,880	36,188	89,280	16	
NE Kingdom Learning Services	23,746	4,734	923	29,403	10	
The Tutorial Center	19,900	4,590	615	25,105	7	
Vermont Adult Learning	133,381	36,894	21,997	192,272	73	
Qtr Total	\$211,239	\$65,098	\$59,723	\$336,060	106	
FY07/Q4						
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	46,314	23,972	26,860	97,146	23	8
NE Kingdom Learning Services	51,504	7,436	10,394	69,334	31	2
The Tutorial Center	29,410	3,057	1,567	34,034	10	4
Vermont Adult Learning	160,009	37,482	42,531	240,022	86	28
Qtr Total	\$287,237	\$71,947	\$81,352	\$440,536	150	42
Year Total	\$594,910 (65%)	\$169,321 (18%)	\$158,647 (17%)	\$922,878	175 Total served (not cumulative)	42